
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Standardize the CICS Level, CICS Transaction Server 1.3 to be Utilized by All Medicare Contractors

There is a CMS initiative to standardize all Medicare systems. This Program Memorandum (PM) requires all contractor CICS systems to be upgraded to the CICS Transaction Server 1.3 by October 1, 2002. At this time CMS is not requesting contractors to recompile local programs. The CMS wants everyone to run under the new CICS level, but you do not have to utilize the new functionalities that are available with the upgraded CICS level. This change will have all contractors operating in the same environment.

The *Effective Date* of this PM is January 1, 2003.

The *Implementation Date* of this PM is January 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2003.

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